Valentines can be unique without being too weird

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Have a heart.

A big heart, filled with candy. A medium-sized heart, sprinkled on boxer shorts and bobby socks. A tiny heart, dangled from a chain or attached to ear lobes.

Constructed of chocolate or gold, diamonds, dough or paper, hearts are to February what turkeys are to November: compulsory, ubiquitous and marketed weeks before the holiday with which they're associated.

Well, Valentine's Day is Monday. And the only cards left on store shelves seem to be for favorite postal carriers or that special second cousin. What remain of heart-covered boxer shorts are either too small or too large.

Candy's a good bet, if your beloved likes chocolates filled with mushy, pastel-colored centers or sugared hearts stamped with such endearments as "OU Kid" or "Let's Kiss." If you'd planned a little early, you could have ordered Bat Bites — bat-shaped chocolates with peanut-butter ears marketed by the American Bat Conservation Society.

But you didn't. Maybe next year. Meanwhile, here are some ways to be unique without being downright weird.

■ The phone rings and when your Valentine answers it, he/she hears Stevie Wonder singing "I Just Called to Say I Love You," followed by a recorded message from you. That song is the No. 1 choice of callers to Send-A-Song, a personalized message company. But, in case that song makes you want to hang up, 200 other selections are available.

To send a song to be sung in the next five minutes or six months from now, call 1-800-SEND-A-SONG. Cost is $9.95 and $19.95 for three songs, sent anywhere in the continental United States.

■ OK, so your valentine loves "I Just Called to Say I Love You." Or that other time-honored favorite, "Just the Way You Are."

If so, you can send a Deco Disc — a greeting card that includes a compact disc that plays the latter or one of two other songs. Each costs $6, including postage and handling. They can be ordered by calling (212) 563-6363.

■ Bookstores are always good places to find last-minute, from-the-heart gifts. If your sweetheart isn't the sonnet type, perhaps he or she would like something more practical. Namely, "365 Ways to Kiss Your Love" (The Summit Group, $9.95).

Written by Tomima Edmark — who made a fortune selling the plastic gizmo called TopsyTail — the book does indeed offer 365 lip tips. Here are a couple to whet your palate:

No. 284 — "Count how many teeth your love has, using your tongue." And No. 286 — "Burrow your nose and mouth into the nape of your love's neck and snort like a pig."

You get the idea.